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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ALAN TONISSON)
Application No.: 09/524,698)
Filed: March 14, 2000)
For: METHOD OF COMPILING)
COMPOSITING EXPRESSIONS FOR :
OPTIMISED RENDERING)

Examiner: J.A. Amini
Group Art Unit: 2672
July 21, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS AND
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant respectfully wishes to file the following supplemental remarks as a further clarification of revised Appendix B as filed in the Letter Transmitting Revised Appendix B on June 7, 2005.

In that regard, alongside each of the reproduced expression trees of Figures 5, 6 and 7 of Appendix B are images formed by circular graphical objects marked A, B, C, D and E, which are composited in accordance with the corresponding expression tree. In the image corresponding to Figure 5, the active region for the “over” operation node (i.e., $(B \cap C) \cup D$) is shaded. In Figure 6, the clipping region of the “over” operation node is $(B \cap C) \cup D$, and in the image corresponding to Figure 6, the clipping region for the “over” operation node (i.e., $(B \cap C)$)

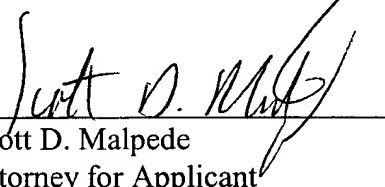
$\cup D$) is shaded. In Figure 7, the effective region of the “over” operation node is $(B \cap C) \cap D$, and in the image corresponding to Figure 7, the effective region of the “over” operation node (i.e., $(B \cap C) \cap D$) is shaded. As seen in Figures 6 and 7 of Appendix B, the effective region for the “over” operation node (i.e., $(B \cap C) \cap D$) is not equal to the clipping region for the “over” operation node. Rather, the effective region is a proper subset of the clipping region.

Applicant respectfully wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended toward his representative during the telephone conversations of July 11 and July 15, 2005. The telephone conversations focused on Appendix B as submitted in the Letter of June 7, 2005, and it was discussed that the images depict regions for the “over” operation node of the expression trees of Figures 5, 6 and 7. A detailed discussion of Appendix B is provided above.

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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